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FOR CASEY (S/WF) FROM AMB. MARTIN

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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

1. HAVE NO BASIC DISAGREEMENTS WITH POSITION CONTAINED REFTTEL.

2. MY IMPRESSION FROM TALKS IN ROME IS THAT CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK WEEK OF FEB 4 ARE EXPECTED TO INVOLVE DELEGATIONS AS MUCH AS UN AGENCIES.

3. WHILE AGREE WE CAN ACCEPT ORGANIZATION OF SECRETARIAT AS PROPOSED BY FAO, BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO SO ONLY AFTER ASSURING OURSELVES THAT OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS AS WELL AS FAO PREFER IT TO OUR IDEA. DO NOT KNOW WHY THIS IS SOLELY INTERNAL DECISION BUT IF IT IS OK. DO NOT ACCEPT FAO CONTENTION THAT FOR SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE THEY MUST CONTROL PREPARATIONS. IF NOT NOTE THAT MAIN FAO ARGUMENT IS THAT ECOSOC PROVIDED FOR ONLY ONE DEPUTY AND BY OFFERING AZIZ FOR FREE THEY GIVE SECRETARY-GENERAL TWO. THIS MAKES MORE DIFFICULT CHOICE OF ONE FROM GOVERNMENTS ESPECIALLY SINCE WOULD THINK THERE MIGHT BE ADVANTAGES IN ACCEPTING SOVIET OFFER TO PROVIDE A DEPUTY.

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BELIEVE SECRETARIAT WITH TWO OF TOP PEOPLE FROM 77 AND ONE

FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WOULD BE HARD FOR U.S. TO ACCEPT
EVEN THOUGH CHAIRMAN IS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRY GROUP. IS IT
POSSIBLE TO GET AUTHORIZATION FOR TWO DEPUTIES?

4. IN CONNECTION FUTURE MEETINGS OF PREPCOM BELIEVE WE
SHOULD PREFER TO LEAVE IT TO SECOND PREPCOM TO FIX DATE AND
DURATION OF THIRD MEETING.

5. CONCUR STRONGLY THAT ORGANIZATION OF WFC SHOULD BE LEFT
TO LATER DECISION, PERHAPS NOT EVEN UNTIL THIRD PREPCOM.
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